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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS AMMAN AND DAMASCUS AS DESIRED

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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTRY VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST
PEACE EFFORTS

REF: A) SECTO 13003; B) SECTO 13007

1. DIRECTOR FOR ARAB AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, AMBASSADOR
MOHAMED SAADANI, CALLED POL COUNS TO FOREIGN MINISTRY SEPT 23
AND REQUESTED UPDATING ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS. SAADANI
NOTED POSITIVE U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD MOROCCAN POSITION ON
MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS, SAYING HE HAD BEEN DEEPLY MOVED BY
RECENT MESSAGE TO KING PRESENTED BY ASST SECY ATHERTON TO
MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON BOUTALEB. POL COUNS TOOK
THE OCCASION TO HAND SAADANI INFORMAL FRENCH TRANSLATION OF
MIDDLE EAST SECTION OF SECRETARY'S UNGA SPEECH (REFTEL A),
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TEXT OF WHICH EMBASSY HAD ALSO MADE AVAILABLE TO DIRECTOR OF
ROYAL PROTOCOL AND MFA SECSTATE PREVIOUS DAY. IN ADDITION,

SAADANI WAS GIVEN COPY OF SECY'S SEPT 16 CINCINNATI SPEECH. POL COUNS STRESSED U.S. DETERMINATION TO AVOID DIPLOMATIC VOID IN MIDDLE EAST DIPLOMACY AND TO TAKE EVERY FEASIBLE STEP TO KEEP UP MOMENTUM.

2. REPLYING TO SAADANI'S REQUEST FOR SPECIFICS ON U.S. INTENTIONS FOR FURTHER PEACE EFFORTS IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE, POL COUNS OUTLINED THE THREE POSSIBILITIES CITED IN SECRETARY'S SPEECH: SYRIAN-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS, GENEVA CONFERENCE, AND MULTILATERAL MEETING (REFTEL A, PARAS 11, 12, AND 13).

3. SAADANI EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN CURRENT SYRIAN POSITION ON NEGOTIATIONS. HE NOTED THAT SYRIAN PRESIDENTIAL EMISSARY ADIB DAOUDI HAD SEEN KING PREVIOUS EVENING TO EXPLAIN SYRIAN ATTITUDE. SAADANI SAID HE HAD NOT SEEN THE MEMCON BUT GATHERED FROM HIS OWN CONTACT WITH DAOUDI THAT SYRIANS WERE EXPOUNDING RELATIVELY HARD LINE. SAADANI EXPRESSED OPINION THAT SOMEWHAT "SHAKY" POSITION OF SYRIAN REGIME AND CRITICISM BY IRAQI BAATH NECESSITATED SYRIAN CULTIVATION OF TOUGH IMAGE. NEVERTHELESS, HE ADDED, DAOUDI HAD AT SAME TIME GIVEN IMPRESSION THAT SYRIANS WERE KEEPING DOOR OPEN FOR NEGOTIATIONS. THIS ASSESSMENT ACCORDED WITH THAT OF MOROCCAN EMBASSY IN DAMASCUS, SAADANI INDICATED.

4. SAADANI ALSO REFERRED TO RECENT STOPOVER IN MOROCCO BY PLO REP FARUQ QADDUMI (ABU LUTF), WHO HAD HAD AUDIENCE WITH KING (RABAT 4495). KING, SAADANI RELATED, HAD URGED PLO TO ADOPT MODERATE APPROACH VISA-A-VIS EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT. KING HAD ARGUED THAT LIMITED STEPS SUCH AS LATEST DISENGAGEMENT WERE MATTERS AFFECTING PRIMARILY THE INDIVIDUAL ARAB STATES CONCERNED AND DISTINCT FROM BROADER PALESTINIAN QUESTION. DECISIONS ON LATTER, HE HAD ASSERTED, AFFECTED ALL ARABS AND SHOULD THEREFORE BE WORKED OUT IN PAN-ARAB FORUM. QADDUMI HAD SEEMED IMPRESSED BY THIS POINT OF VIEW, SAADANI THOUGHT. KING, SAADANI ADDED, HAD AT SAME TIME PROMISED QADDUMI TO MAKE INTERVENTIONS WITH ARAB STATES FOR INCREASED SUPPORT OF PLO.

5. SAADANI CONCLUDED WITH REQUEST THAT USG KEEP GOM
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INFORMED IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING PEACE EFFORTS AS THEY CRYSTALLIZE, WHICH WOULD PLACE GOM IN BEST POSITION TO PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE. THERE WAS OBVIOUSLY A GREAT DEAL ALREADY GOING BEHIND THE SCENES, HE COMMENTED.
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